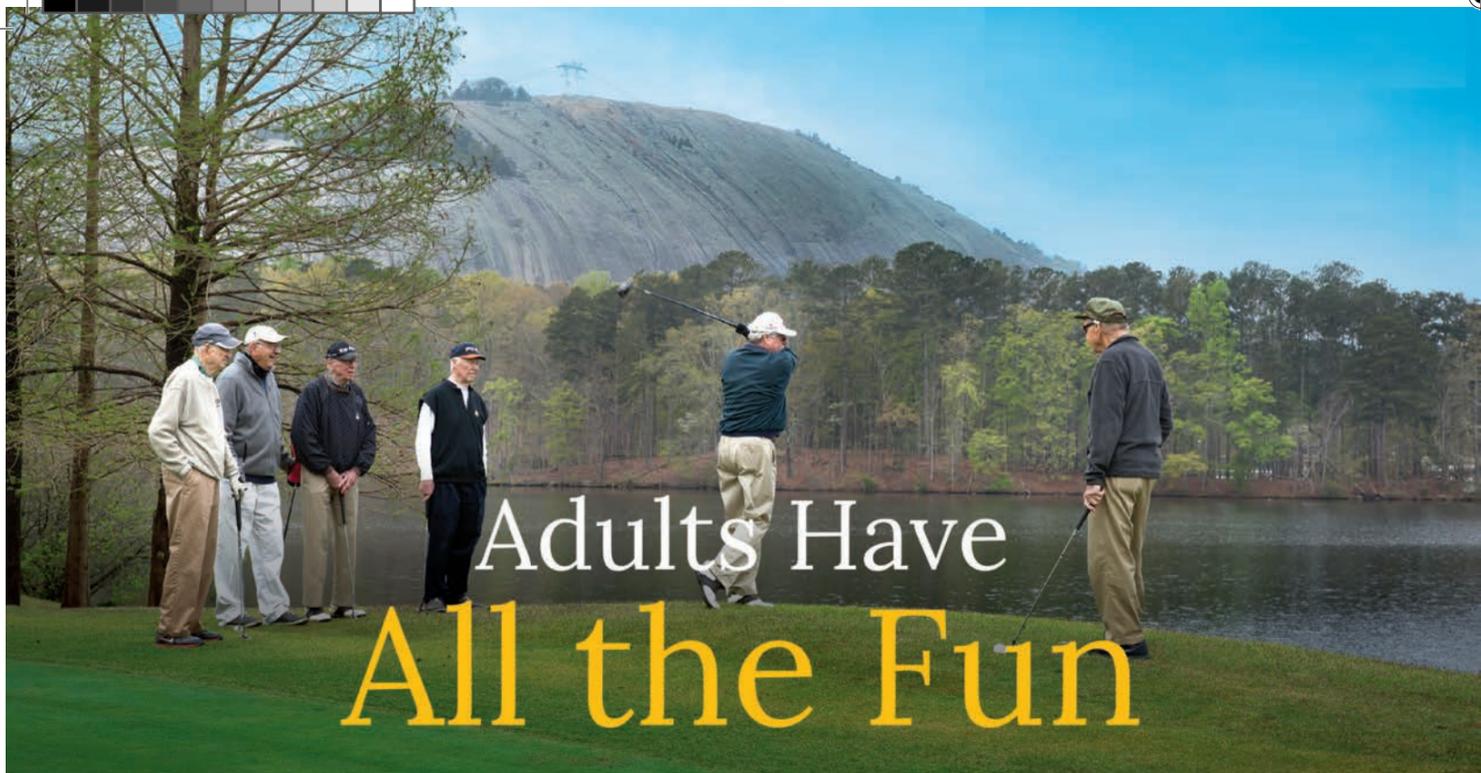




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Upfront

"Follow the science." You hear that a lot. Nevermind that the "the" is at minimum superfluous and, more likely, grammatically incorrect. Which seems a little ironic, giving the haughty tone most of the people who employ the phrase tend to use.

If we're admonished to follow it – this thing, "the science," or excoriated for, rube-like, not doing so, we'd better know what it is. So, I checked. According to The Science Council (not The The Science Council...sorry, I couldn't help myself), science is "the pursuit and application of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence." "Systematic methodology" are the essential words. If you remember from your school days, science is driven by the Scientific Method, the key to discerning natural facts.

Remember the Encyclopedia Britannica? Nowadays, you don't have to build new bookshelves to accommodate its many volumes; it exists online. Britannica.com explains the Scientific Method thusly: "A researcher develops a hypothesis (basically, an educated guess), tests it through various means, and then modifies the hypothesis on the basis of the outcome of the tests and experiments. The modified hypothesis is then retested, further modified, and tested again, until it becomes consistent with observed phenomena and testing outcomes. In this way, hypotheses serve as tools by which scientists gather data. From that data and the many different scientific investigations undertaken to explore hypotheses, scientists are able to develop broad general explanations, or scientific theories."

Despite all of the boastful "We follow the (sic) science" claims and implicit, "While you idiots don't" taunts that have been flying around for the better part of a year, I can't recall reading the results of a similarly abundant collection of experiments. (And I, pardon the hubris, consider myself to be reasonably curious, smart, and well-informed.)

This follow-the-science submission device has troubled me for a while. Then, I went to New York and on to New England last week, and my agitation grew. You might recall that I traveled to the Big Apple in September, and subsequently declared it (to you): Closed. Now, it's not only closed, it's pathetic and sad and completely defanged. Everyone you encounter save for the people who are serving your commercial needs (which is, like, almost nobody) seems to look at you as though you are the embodiment of the grim reaper himself. Two masks? Try three, four in some cases. With rubber gloves. And – this was new to my pandemic-eyes – goggles, tight-fighting to the head, like high school chemistry class, with glasses underneath.

So what if there wasn't a single fanny in the hundreds of outdoor-dining seats I walked past?! I'm not lying: Not one! If the (sic) science is keeping New Yorkers extra-safe, then maybe the disemboweling of their urban center is a palpable sacrifice.

I thought about death. Both the bodily and the societal kinds. As a country, we're a collection of states, each with some latitude to govern itself according to the will of its people. Each state government has a chief executive, its governor. In the private sector, we employ metrics (quantifiable measurements) to evaluate (chief) executive performance. It seems reasonable to examine the efficacy of our public sector (chief) executives (governors) the same way, then, no? Within this death frame that I've been contemplating two metrics seem particularly important: mortality rate (attributable to COVID-19, as a percentage of total population) and decline in (state) GDP (total economic activity). Why mortality and not

infection rate? Because getting sick is one thing...a thing one can live with...dying is for keeps.

Too often, we believe something to be true, and we then try to develop arguments to support our belief while ignoring contradictory facts. We are a culture of predisposition. Our biases are crippling. But the (sic) science...er, data...doesn't lie.

Per Becker's Hospital Review (as of its February 2nd daily update), the three deadliest states (vis-à-vis COVID-19) in the nation are: New Jersey (with a 0.242% mortality rate), New York (0.223%), and Massachusetts (0.212%). Undeniably, these are populous states (8.9 million, 19.4 million, and 6.9 million, respectively) with New York particularly dense around its namesake city. What three states have been relatively safest? Vermont, Hawaii and Alaska (0.028%, 0.029%, and 0.035%, with populations of 624 thousand, 1.4 million and 735 thousand). (The density measures for these three varies much more widely than your first impulse might suggest.) What about the controversial early-openers, Georgia and Florida? How have they fared? Smack-dab in the middle of the pack, actually, at numbers 26 and 23 (from the best) with death rates of 0.130% and 0.124% and large and, in some regions, dense populations of 10.6 million and 21.5 million. (Roughly 1 in every 10 Americans calls one of these two states home.)

As for the aforementioned societal suffering, or "economic death," there's an app for that, too. Or a URL. The University of New Hampshire's school of public policy publishes lots of data that track COVID-19's impact states' financial health. From the end of 2019 to the third quarter of 2020, every state except Utah has a smaller economy. Who has faltered the most? Hawaii's GDP has shrunk by 8.8%, Wyoming by 7.8%, and New York by 6.1%. Georgia – a decline of a relatively modest 2.0%, and Florida, somewhat worse off, down 5.0%. Jobs? Net job losses in Hawaii, Michigan, and New York, are each more than 10%, while Idaho and Utah have, somehow, added jobs. How about New Jersey and Massachusetts, the other two of the deadliest three? Losses of 8.9% and 9.4% of total jobs. Twenty-seven states have lost more than 5% of their jobs. As for Georgia and Florida: net losses of 2.0% and 2.8%, respectively, in the top (lowest job-loss rates) quartile, each.

To understand a state's mortality rate, you'd have to consider items like volume of interstate travel and its physical isolation. But have you noticed the pervasiveness of out-of-state license plates around here over the last year? Lots of Empire State tags. Or the residential real estate boom? People buying homes here – expensive ones – sight unseen. My guess: Georgia and Florida have been among the most visited states in the nation since this whole mess began.

What, then, does the (sic) science say? The data confirms that New York is nearly both the most deadly and decimated (pandemic-wise) state, yet its citizens are among the most cautiously isolated, its containment approach among the most draconian (my anecdotal observations, not empirically confirmed), and its chief executive the most celebrated. Meanwhile, Georgia and Florida, carelessly "unscientific" in the eyes of some, are doing pretty well, key performance indicators considered together.

As much as our instincts compel us to attempt to wrangle entropy into benign submission, definitionally, we can't. That's the meaning of entropy (an actual scientific principle related to the second law of thermodynamics...okay, now maybe I'm showing). Some forces are random and tend toward chaotic. Which leads me back to The Serenity Prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Who says God and science can't be friends?

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Your feature article in your January 22nd issue, "Fairways and Foxes," reminded me of an incident at the Palmetto golf course. There have been rumors that a fox hangs out alongside the first hole and sometimes runs out on the fairway and confiscates golf balls. I played Palmetto recently and did not see a fox but did have an unusual experience.

I was in a threesome, each of us driving his own cart. On the first tee, I took out a brand-new Titleist, marked it with a black dot, and hit a tee shot right down the middle. The other two players hit their tee shots to the left of the fairway. But when we drove out to hit our second shots, my ball was missing. The three of us looked all over but we could not find my ball.

Finally, I gave up, declared a "lost ball" and started back to the first tee to hit another tee shot as the other two players hit their seconds. Back on the first tee, I took out another Titleist, marked it with a black dot and hit another tee shot. This time, however, I hit it way to the right of the cart path into the area close to the fence that runs along the driv-

ing range. I steered my cart to that area; but, again, I could not find my ball after a thorough search.

While I was scouring the fallen leaves, I saw a little guy next to the fence holding a sign that said: "SALE - NEW GOLF BALLS - 2 FOR \$1."

So, I said to myself, "Only 50 cents a ball. That's a very good price if the balls he is selling are really new, which I doubt. But, since I've already lost two balls, I'll take a chance." I gave him a buck, and he gave me two balls.

When I caught up to the others on the first green, I took a close look at the two balls. Both balls were Titleists. Each ball looked new or possibly had been hit only once or twice, and each ball had a black dot on it.

So, I said to myself, "What a great deal I just made. For only one dollar, I've bought two new, or almost new, pre-marked Titleists. I can't do any better than that."

Walter Reardon

BLOOD BROTHERS (AND SISTERS)

On behalf of Skidaway Kiwanis and the American Red Cross, I would like to thank all the people who came out to our recent blood drive and donated. As many of you know, because of COVID-19, we no longer advertise the blood drive and depend solely on appointments. We collected 25 pints of blood, which will help save 75 lives in the Savannah area.

One thing many people are unaware of is that the American Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether he or she developed symptoms. So, if you donated, you can expect to receive the results of your antibody test within 7 to 10 days through our Red Cross Blood Donor App or on our donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Our next Blood Drive will be Monday, April 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. Again, thanks everyone, as well as Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, for your support.

Chris Britten



on the cover:

Valentines Day is coming up soon. But who was St. Valentine, and why do we associate him with romance?

Find out on page 15.

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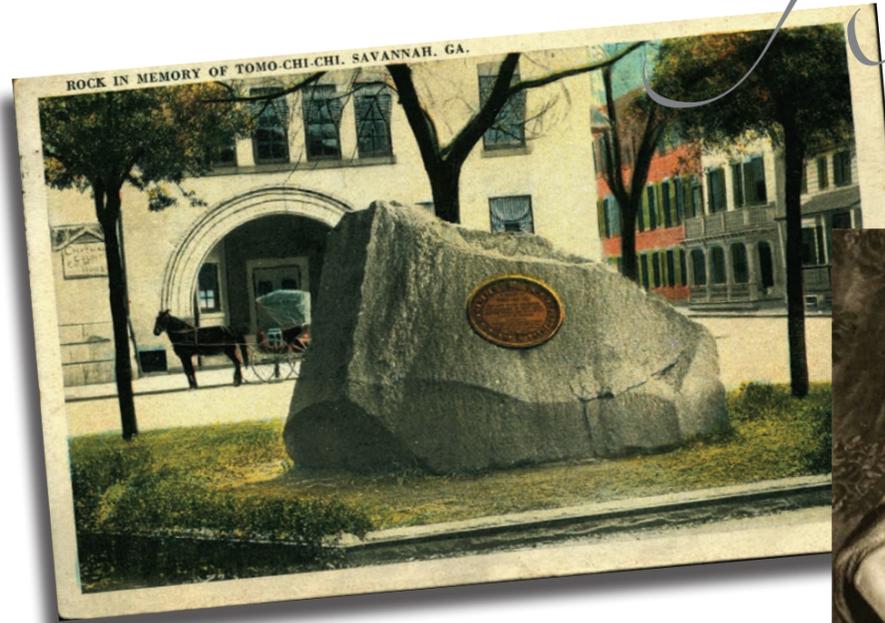


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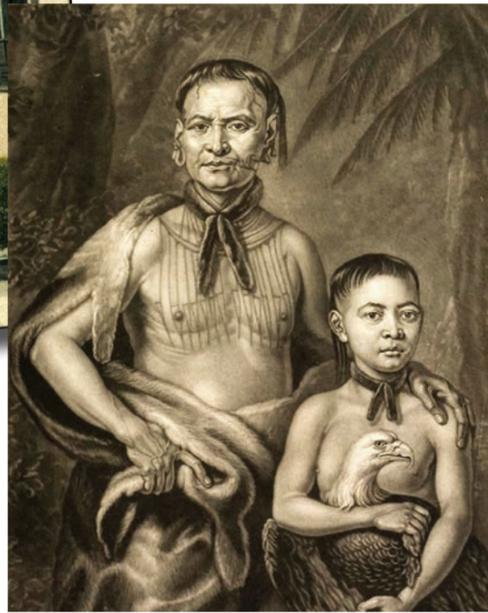
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Historical Significance



Above: In the southeast corner of Wright Square, in front of the original Chatham County Courthouse, a massive boulder honors Tomochichi, placed there by the Colonial Dames of Georgia in 1899.

Right: Tomochichi and his nephew Toonahowi, by William Verelst (1704–1752)



TOMOCHICHI

THE FOUNDER'S FRIEND

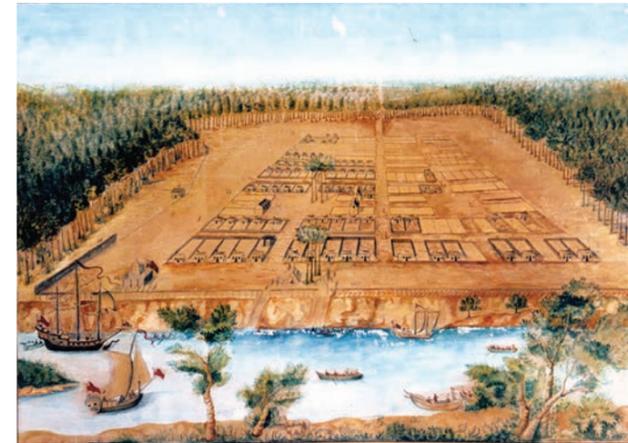
Longtime Savannahians know Tomochichi. As kids, some of them dressed up as the Yamacraw leader on Georgia Day in politically incorrect upended grocery sacks with neck and arm holes cut in the bottom and “fringe” trimmed out at the hem. Transplants to Georgia may see Tomochichi as Georgia’s counterpart to Squanto of the familiar Plymouth Rock story. Regardless, tales of Tomochichi comprise a mixture of fact and legend that begs sorting out.

James Oglethorpe’s arrival on the Savannah River was not Tomochichi’s first encounter with white men (nor was Squanto surprised by the Pilgrims’ arrival). Tomochichi’s advanced age – some sources date his birth to 1650 – along with Georgia’s much-later founding in 1733, suggests that neither Tomochichi nor his fellow Yamacraws were uninitiated. On the contrary, for decades, Native nations had entered and ended ever-shifting alliances with the Spanish, French and

English, to achieve the best trade and defense deals for themselves.

Such alliances also shifted among the Native nations themselves, perhaps owing to mistrust between the Lower Creeks and the Yamacraws. The two tribes mingled in Tomochichi’s ancestry, setting the elderly chieftain apart from his people. “I was a banished man. I came here poor and helpless to look for good land near the tombs of my ancestors,” said Tomochichi on the eve of the English arrival.

By the time Oglethorpe landed at Yamacraw Bluff, Tomochichi led a band of some 200 fellow exiles. The two leaders hit it off from the start, setting the stage for the most peaceful Native-English interaction in British North America. White feathers and smoking pipes in the intimacy of Oglethorpe’s tent signaled friendship. So did Oglethorpe’s request for permission to build his settlement atop the bluff. Tomochichi



This illustration by Peter Gordon sketch of the fledgling city of Savannah was one of Gen. James Oglethorpe’s visual aids when he returned to England to report on the colony’s progress.

chichi agreed, and he willingly moved his people to the west. Further evidence of amity came in May of 1733, with the two men’s “Articles of Friendship and Commerce.” Savannah observed its own thanksgiving feast with the Yamacraws on July 7. Oglethorpe wrote of his allies: “I am a red man, an Indian, in my heart; that is why I love them.”

Oglethorpe returned to England in 1734 to report on the colony’s first year. The now-famous Peter Gordon sketch of the nascent city was one of Oglethorpe’s visual aids, showing a scantily built yet well-planned city, lined with trust lots, house lots, and squares, imposed on a clear-cut piney plain above the Savannah River. It’s cynical to say that another of Oglethorpe’s visual aids was a small band of Yamacraw – including Tomochichi, his wife Senauki, their nephew and adopted heir, Toonahowi, and some five or six others on Oglethorpe’s travel party. Yet the Yamacraws made Oglethorpe look good, their presence telegraphing peaceful relations and colonial success.

There were advantages for Tomochichi, too. Lobbying the trustees through the interpreter John Musgrove for fair trade, grievance redress, military protection, and Christian education, Tomochichi demonstrated that he was no mere pawn. The public relations coup the Yamacraw represented merited the high costs of entertaining them. Fêted everywhere they went, the Natives warranted the extensive press attention they received. Londoners blushed at their revealing clothing (William Verelst’s painting of the Trustees and Tomochichi’s band shows that some of the women eventually donned traditional English dress). But it was the Native women’s turn to cover their eyes when they toured Hampton Court Palace and viewed Henry VIII’s armor. Its exaggerated codpiece prompted Senauki to remark that she now understood why such a king required six wives.

King George II and his wife, Queen Caroline, hosted the visitors at Kensington Palace, where Tomochichi made a speech of amity. Apologizing for needing a translator, he lamented the lost opportunities of his youth to learn English. No Englishmen apologized for not speaking Tomochichi’s language. Prince William, the monarchs’ youngest son, presented young Toonahowi with a New Testament and a gold pocket watch, along with the admonition to “think of Jesus Christ at every hour of the day.” Toonahowi responded that Prince William,

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William Verelst's painting depicts Tomochichi, his wife Senauki, and several other Yamacraw natives who accompanied Gen. James Oglethorpe to England in 1734.

Duke of Cumberland, should have an island off the Georgia coast named for him. And, so it was. In another decade, William would be known as "Butcher Cumberland" for his murderous brutality to Scottish freedom fighters at the Battle of Culloden.

Tomochichi expressed sadness at departing without Oglethorpe, who remained in London. "I am glad to be going home, but to part with you is like the day of death. You have never made a difference between our people and your people. You have never broken a promise to us. When I die, I want to be buried in the white man's town and not in the forest." These words were poignant considering that Tomochichi's reason for moving to Yamacraw Bluff in the first place was its proximity to the tombs of his ancestors.

Five years passed and – for Oglethorpe – more round trips between Georgia and London before the elderly Indian chief's death in 1739. Oglethorpe was away in the settlement of Coweta negotiating another treaty when Tomochichi passed away. Upon his return, he honored Tomochichi's wishes, ensuring that his friend was buried in the "white man's city." He staged a military procession from the head of Bull Street on the bluff, through Johnson Square, and into Percival Square (now Wright Square) where the burial took place. Such a display of military pomp would typically be reserved for British subjects, but Oglethorpe clearly believed Tomochichi had earned the distinction. Oglethorpe erected a monument to his friend and ally, declaring that the naturalistic stone pyramid should be "an Ornament to the City" and a "Memorial to the Indians" and the "great Regard the

English would pay to all their Nations, who maintain true Friendship with us." History records no earlier monument in all of North America. A grainy image of 1800s Wright Square purported to show Tomochichi's monument, but historians have shown that the memorial disappeared from city maps before the photograph was taken.

Since the 1880s, Wright Square has been the site of an august granite and marble monument to William Washington Gordon, founder of the Central of Georgia Railroad. Tour guides who manufacture outrage that Tomochichi's monument was destroyed to make room for the Gordon monument are correct to point out that Gordon's column stands over the grave of another man. In the southeast corner of the square, a different hunk of stone honors Tomochichi, placed there by the Colonial Dames of Georgia in 1899.

Today, Savannah lacks a ward, square, building or street named for Tomochichi (Indian Street near the new Plant Riverside doesn't count). Some advocates suggest renaming the controversial Talmadge Bridge in honor of Tomochichi, citing the cultural differences he bridged to make a success of colonial Georgia. But the Georgia legislature shows no signs of permitting such a change for Savannah's bridge. Christ Church, St. Simons Island's historic Episcopal Church, boasts a stained-glass likeness of the Yamacraw leader, and there are still children on Georgia Day who, with the help of their history teachers, learn of the friendship of an aged chief for a fledgling colony.



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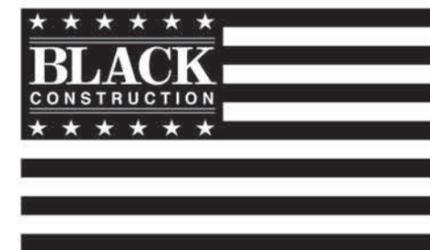
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Because of the pandemic, there is a love that has, for a while, gone unrequited.

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What is the root of your wanderlust? The Four Seasons family – colleagues and clients, alike – traces its sojourner origins stories to a variety of sources.

BILL BENNISON

Nowadays, they call it wanderlust; but, in the summer of 1964, it was referred to as a travel bug. The spark for my desire to travel was lit that year when three fraternity brothers and I crisscrossed Europe, visiting 12 countries in two-and-half months, using various modes of transportation including shiny new Honda motorcycles. All done with dedication to Frommer's Europe on \$5 a Day! Starting from Le Havre, where our ship docked, we traveled as far north as Copenhagen, east and south to Athens, west to southern Spain, and circled the Mediterranean coast from Naples. We duly marked off our checklist of obligatory sights such as the Eiffel Tower, Da Vinci's David, Napoleon's Tomb, and others. All the while, we fulfilled the whims of four college kids - racing the motorcycles around the Arc de Triomphe, honking plastic horns

erable beer and chianti, and lots of wursts, baguettes, fromage and pasta! Since then, I have visited six continents, 53 countries, and played golf in all 50 United States. The spark that started in '64 fueled a flame that still burns today.

DORI BOLAK

When I was a child, my family moved around the country quite a bit due to my parents' occupations. An avid traveler, Dad bought an RV in order to maximize our experiences of each geographic area in which we lived. We crossed the country several times. I fell in love with each new place, dreaming about the day I would return and where I would go next. Once I reached college age, my desire for travel grew, as I was given the opportunity to study abroad in the United



Social distancing can be fun for the whole family in a raft on the Nantahala River in North Carolina, only hours a way by car.

Kingdom. A little nervous, I signed up for only one semester. After a week, I called home for permission to extend for the rest of the year. During my year in Europe, I visited as many countries as possible. Cruising is a love that blossomed later and is now one of my favorite things. Through travel, I have the ability to follow my passion for experiencing new cultures and environments. I know my love for travel will continue to grow, as both love and travel are without practical bounds.

GWEN DEWALT

Since an early age, I have been an avid reader (another love). My favorite books growing up were those that took me to places only reachable by me through their pages. Our family took driving vacations, usually to visit family in other states, or spend time at the beach. All were entertaining and enjoyable, but not on a par with novels about exotic destinations and fascinating cultures. When I was a stay-at-home mom, I began planning trips for our family, collecting articles and maintaining folders full of ski, beach, fishing, golf and other destinations. Little did I know that one day our family would purchase a travel agency! That was in 1988, some 32 years ago, and the love affair that started through books when I was a child is now manifested and intensified by reality. I have been so fortunate to visit many of the places about which I read and dreamed but never imagined would be within my reach. A huge gift for me has been to introduce our children and grandchildren to travel.

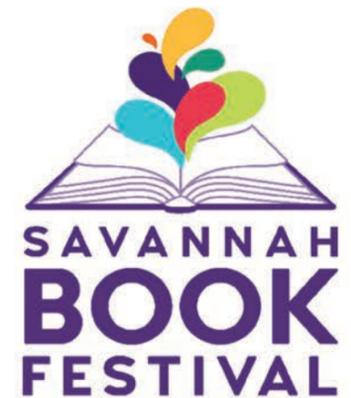
SUSAN DISCHNER

A love of travel began for me at a very early age. I was always the first one ready when

my parents would load up the family station wagon for a road trip. Heading east from Wisconsin, our New England trips would often take us to Maine where we would take the car ferry to Nova Scotia to visit relatives. I loved standing on the deck and feeling the salt air and spray of the Bay of Fundy. To this day, I still love cruising and the feeling I get sailing in and out of ports. In my early teens, I was fortunate to spend a week with family at a Colorado dude ranch and learned to love open spaces. In 1965, I was offered a summer job at a local, family-owned travel agency. While there, I decided not to pursue a teaching career (much to my mother's dismay), but to stay at the agency. I was hooked on travel. I have always loved travel and always will. It is why I have traveled 11 times to Africa, visited all seven continents, and sailed on numerous cruises across all five oceans. It is why this February (2021) will mark my 56th year in the travel business.

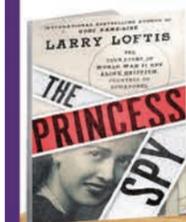
JENNIFER HICKS

I believe that I fell in love with travel the day I was born. I can't remember a time when it was not my passion. I remember well the station (not covered) wagon journeys from Colorado to California every summer with my family. I would count the days to departure with all of the excitement that I still now have before leaving on some exotic journey to various parts of the world. When my daughter, Maggie, was a child we had a very limited budget for travel, but always found a way to venture out somewhere. As she got older, we were able to travel the world together with every trip being more fun than the last. To this day, there is nothing more meaningful to me than travel. I love travel and always have.



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LESLIE KEENE

When I was 18, my grandmother, who had never had an opportunity to travel, was diagnosed with ALS. My parents decided to take her (and me) on a six-week trip across the northeastern U.S. and Canada. As we visited 23 states and most of the provinces, the desire to travel was instilled in me. Because I knew my grandmother would never visit any of these places again; the trip took on a life of its own, with treasured memories of seeing these places with her.

Since that time, my husband and I have tried to pass on a love for travel to our children, who are now adults. Besides our wonderful country, we have been blessed to be able to experience the streets of Paris, the rolling hills of Ireland, the Great Wall of China, Spain, Italy, England, the Bahamas, the Caribbean, and more. Nothing surpasses the thrill of visiting a new place, meeting new people, seeing landmarks that some only read about, or enjoying an amazing new cuisine. As someone once said, "Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."

DAWN LOWELL

The travel bug was instilled in me as a small child when my family spent four weeks annually traveling the southern U.S. My first full-time job was with Eastern Airlines in New York City. An early memorable flight was a helicopter ride from the top of the Pan Am Building to JFK Airport to board a flight to San Juan for the weekend. That was it, I was hooked! New and exciting people and places – even getting there (in those days) – was thrilling! Ever since, I have pursued my love of travel, reveling in the planning and research. Gazing at the wonder of The Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel, soaking up sun on a pink sand beach in beautiful Bermuda, sailing Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong with its panoramic nighttime skyline, watching a majestic sunrise from the Haleakala Crater in Maui, snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, cruising the Panama Canal, savoring mussels and fries in Bruges, taking in the beauty of Milford Sound, or simply walking down Main Street USA towards Cinderella's Castle – all of these and many more have provided me with tremendous joy and wonderful memories in my life. I plan on more to come!

CAROLYN LEFLEUR

As a 16-year-old, the opportunity to take part in a six-week trip abroad culminating at a youth conference in Beirut, Lebanon, changed my life. I fell completely in love with travel. Having always enjoyed history and art, I took advantage of the opportunity to see every museum, cathedral and monument possible. I vividly recall the thrill the first time I saw Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower, walked to the top of the Acropolis, stepped into Rome's Colosseum, and saw Michelangelo's David and Monet's Water Lilies. Even more impactful, I was smitten by the experiences that weren't planned or anticipated. Things like talking for hours with other teenagers at a kibbutz in Israel, discovering our similarities and differences, or dancing in a London pub to a recording of a great new band named the Beatles. While dining in a rooftop restaurant at the Nile Hilton in Cairo, I had the completely unexpected opportunity to meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a special and unforgettable experience. Unanticipated surprises while traveling are why this teenage romance is still going strong today.

DANETTE MCGEENEY

I fell in love with travel while working at the Little Nell in Aspen, Colorado. I met people from all over the world and was fascinated by

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their stories. I wanted to experience the countries they were so proud to call home. My first opportunity to do so was in 1996. I had a chance to spend some time in Barcelona, Spain. I was awed by its beauty - the architecture, the Mediterranean Sea, and balmy climate. But most of all, it was the people. I was eager to start conversations with the locals and they were delighted to respond. Everything about the culture was warm and inviting. Being a "foodie" and an oenophile, I loved discovering local foods and so many varieties of olives, robust red wines and sparkling Cava. Since then, I have been able to indulge my love of cruising by sailing to many exotic ports of call. I have nurtured my love of adventure by visiting off-the-beaten-path destinations. The foods, wines, and - most of all - the people are, for me, the highlights of any destination and why I am so in love with travel.

AMY PADEREWSKI

When I started dating my now husband, I quickly learned of his love for the ocean, especially scuba diving. I figured if I wanted to be a part of his world, I had to take up the sport. Upon completion of my scuba certification course, our first trip together was to St. Maarten. I was nervous to be in the open seas, but once I was down at 40 feet, a calm came over me and I fell in love with the underwater world and my husband. Being young and carefree allowed us to travel throughout the Caribbean to enjoy our love for diving and exploring each island, meeting locals, and enjoying the local food. We spent our honeymoon in Hawaii, which is my favorite dive destination to date. Although we don't dive as much nowadays, we still love any trip that involves the ocean, whether a Windstar cruise on the Mediterranean Sea or having lunch on the Bosphorus Strait, so long as we can see a body of water it makes us feel so happy and blessed.

SUSAN RAGLAND

I started young. My parents took us on many trips, all planned

by my dad. One unforgettable highlight? My first ever opera, "Aida," performed outdoors in Rome's Baths of Caracalla, complete with live animals on stage. Thus, began my love affair with Italy! Two years later, a girlfriend and I drove from Paris through the Alps into Italy for three months. First, we explored northern Italy, lived in Florence our second month, studying conversational Italian and Florentine art of the Renaissance at the University for Foreigners, with weekend and day trips, the last month southern Italy. Definitely Italy on \$5 day! After college, working in reservations at BOAC (now British Airways) in New York City, my fate was sealed. I flew for pennies to London and beyond, once sitting in the cockpit since there were no seats available. Another time I had dinner with the captain while flying over the Atlantic! In the early days of the 747s, upstairs was a lounge, and the captain had a daughter my age. We dined on white tablecloth, full-size china, and flatware, served by a flight attendant. How times have changed! Endless memories, amazing experiences – no wonder I fell in love with travel! It continues all these decades later.

HEIDI WOHLERT

From the moment I stepped onto my first flight via Pan Am Airlines flying from Germany to the U.S., I fell in love with travel. I was a young girl, but I already had the ambition to travel the world. Prior to our immigration to the U.S., I would read all the books of the big wide world out there, intrigued by the history and culture of the remote places and people around the world. I swore someday I would visit these places. And, thus, began my love of travel. I have been so fortunate to travel to all seven continents. That does not mean I will stop traveling. Oh, no! The strong desire is still within me and someday when I am very old and ready for my final journey, I would love to have in my obituary, "She died while traveling," perhaps while flying high in a balloon over the Serengeti.



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When you are diagnosed with cancer, especially one that has spread to the brain, you want the best treatment possible. And getting that treatment close to home, supported by family and friends, is comforting. That's why the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (LCRP) continues to add the latest technology to its treatment arsenal to help patients get better, quicker with reduced side effects.

One of the latest examples of advanced technology the LCRP has introduced is HyperArc high-definition radiotherapy. HyperArc is a state-of-the-art technique that allows radiation oncologists to treat patients with multiple brain metastases faster and more efficiently than previous methods.

About 20 to 40 percent of cancer patients will develop brain metastases, and more than half of those patients will have more than one tumor in the brain. The risk of a metastatic brain tumor depends on the type of cancer and how advanced it is at diagnosis. At the LCRP, there are several treatment options for cancer that has spread to the brain. CyberKnife, which allows physicians to deliver high doses of radiation to small areas anywhere in the body with phenomenal accuracy, is one. An additional tool is HyperArc on the TrueBeam system. TrueBeam delivers a dose of radiation targeted anywhere in the body and minimizes the exposure to healthy cells. Both are excellent modules for treating cancer, according to Dr. Joshua McKenzie, radiation oncologist at the LCRP. HyperArc may be particularly suitable for patients who are claustrophobic. Also, CyberKnife is not available at the LCRP Bluffton Campus, but for appropriate patients, HyperArc on TrueBeam could be a treatment option close to their Lowcountry home.

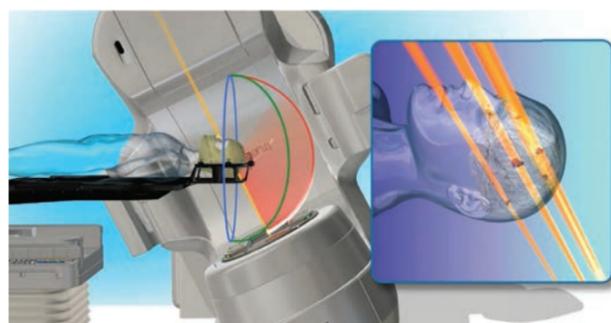


**Radiation Oncologist
Josh McKenzie, MD**

HOW IT WORKS

With HyperArc, radiation oncologists deliver compact radiation doses that closely conform to the size, shape and location of the brain tumor while avoiding surrounding healthy tissue. This can help reduce side effects common to previous treatment methods like whole-brain radiation – things like hair loss, memory problems and difficult decision-making.

There are two components to TrueBeam: The TrueBeam linear accelerator that delivers the radiation beam, and the treatment couch, on which the patient lies. To accurately deliver radiation doses to brain tumors, HyperArc requires the best treatment couch available, capable of moving patients in six different degrees and more precisely than previous treatment couches. "You are combining that with an



advanced head stabilization system, and they all work in concert to deliver accurate treatment," McKenzie explains.

The number of radiotherapy sessions varies from patient to patient, depending on the number, size and location of tumors. McKenzie's first HyperArc patient needed just a single session, while other patients may require more. HyperArc treatment often works in conjunction with CyberKnife, chemotherapy or immunotherapy for the best possible results.

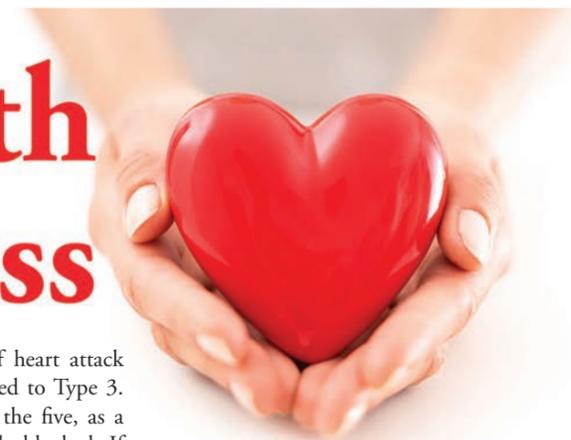
"HyperArc allows us to be more efficient by turning the plan around quicker and get the patient started faster when we are dealing with multiple cancer sites," McKenzie says. "It's not a substitute for CyberKnife, but it's an additional tool that we have that sets us apart from a technology perspective."

The most significant advancement in radiation therapy in the recent past is the integration of stereotactic radiation therapy as part of a patient's treatment options. St. Joseph's/Candler and the LCRP are committed to offering patients the absolute best, most advanced treatment available. HyperArc builds upon this legacy and provides doctors and patients with the best technology available to optimize outcomes for patients. In fact, HyperArc radiotherapy currently is only available at two hospitals in Georgia – the LCRP at St. Joseph's/Candler and Emory in Atlanta. However, the LCRP was the first in the state to perform HyperArc treatment. Additionally, the first patient in South Carolina is currently being treated on HyperArc at the Bluffton campus.

"As our patients are living longer, we want them to live better with reduced side effects, and we want to be able to have all aspects of technology from a treatment delivery-perspective, so patients don't need to go anywhere else to get it done," McKenzie says.

If you've been diagnosed with cancer that has spread to the brain, talk to your medical team to find out if HyperArc high-definition radiotherapy is right for you.

Heart Health Awareness



Almost everyone knows that if you experience symptoms that may be related to a heart attack, or believe that someone else is, you should call 911 immediately. But did you know there are different types of heart attacks? By determining what type of a heart attack a patient is experiencing, healthcare providers can offer the best treatment to limit long-term disability and prevent death.

A heart attack occurs when one or more areas of the heart muscle fails to get enough oxygen. Normally, blood flow brings oxygen to the heart. The causes of the disruption in blood flow and lack of oxygen determine the type of heart attack and appropriate treatment options.

There are five different types of heart attacks:

- **Type 1:** Plaque buildup ruptures, causing a blockage of blood flow to the heart. This is typically what people think of when they think of a heart attack.
- **Type 2:** Another critical illness, such as sepsis, shock, bleeding or pulmonary embolism, causes considerable demand on an otherwise normal heart, leading to tissue damage.
- **Type 3:** A heart attack that manifests itself as sudden cardiac arrest, as shown on an EKG, but not confirmed by blood work.
- **Type 4:** A heart attack that occurs after open-heart surgery.
- **Type 5:** A heart attack that occurs after a stent procedure.

The most common type of heart attack is Type 1, which is often related to Type 3. These are the most deadly of the five, as a blood vessel may be completely blocked. If action is not taken quickly, cardiac tissue downstream of the blockage begins to die. These effects may be permanent and can lead to congestive heart failure and lifelong disability. The most serious consequence can be cardiac arrest and death.

Unlike Type 1 and 3 heart attacks, a Type 2 can occur even if there is moderate or no plaque involved. Instead, the heart attack is the result of increased strain on the heart muscle rather than blood supply.

While most people may not be well-versed in the different types of heart attacks, primary care doctors, emergency room providers and cardiologists are well aware of the best therapies to treat the various causes.

It is very important for everyone to be aware of the heart attack symptoms, get help immediately if you suspect one, and take steps to try to prevent one.

SYMPTOMS

Common symptoms to different types of heart attacks include:

- Sudden onset chest pain or pressure
- Shortness of breath
- Pain or discomfort that spreads to the shoulders, neck, arms or jaw

The severity of these symptoms may vary. Also, women can experience different heart

PREVENTION

There are many actions one can take to prevent a heart attack, such as:

- Follow a heart healthy diet
- Control blood pressure
- Maintain a healthy cholesterol level
- Avoid tobacco products
- Stay active and exercise regularly
- Pay attention to your body
- Get a routine physical

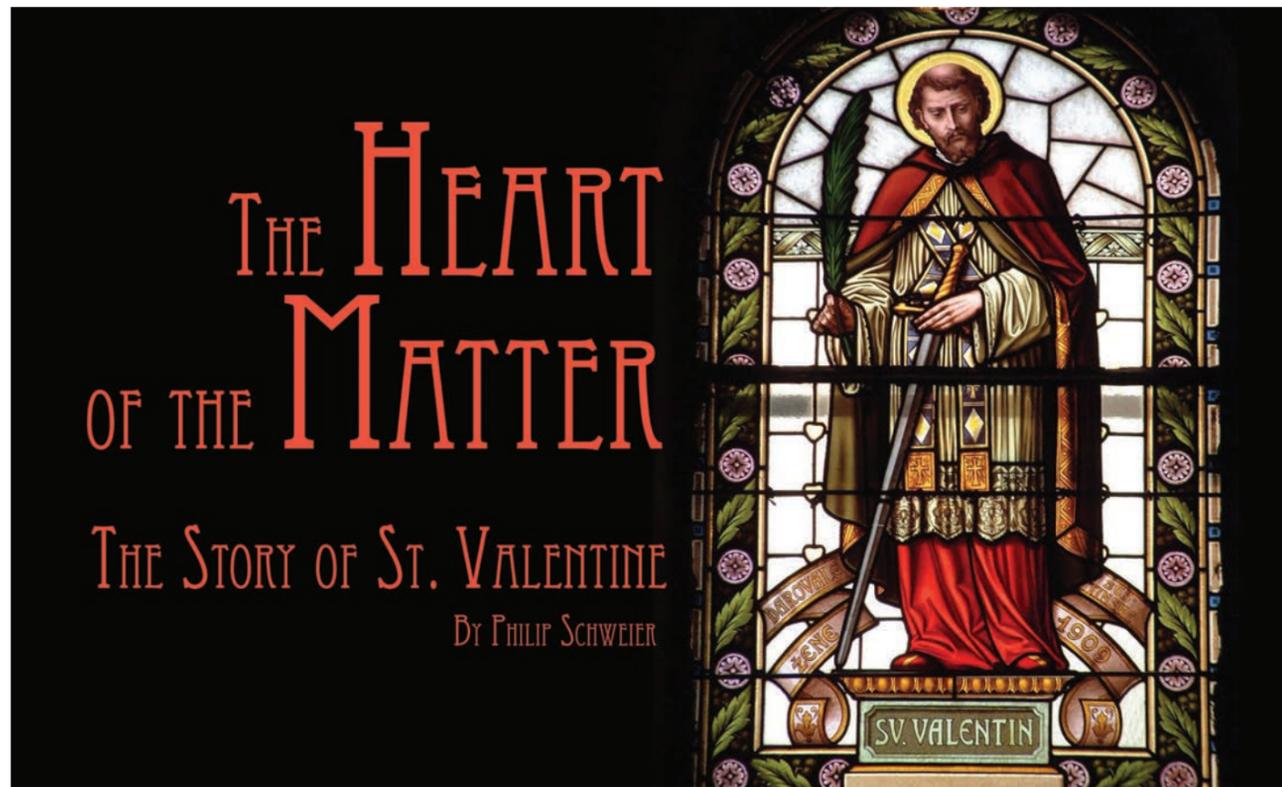
attack symptoms from men, such as severe fatigue, indigestion, nausea and vomiting, and lightheadedness. Men may experience an irregular or rapid heartbeat, stomach discomfort, dizziness and cold sweats.

Any symptoms should be addressed with your primary care provider or a cardiologist. If symptoms are severe or there is a sudden change, urgent evaluation is needed. It is best to seek immediate medical attention. The effects can come on suddenly, and if not treated quickly, can have lifelong impacts. It is important to be aware of telltale symptoms, as failure to react could be fatal. Early activation of emergency medical services and utilization of 911 is critical in prompt treatment of heart attacks.



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As February 14 approaches, husbands and boyfriends struggle to surpass the Valentine's Day of years past. Often overlooked is the fact that before it became the holiday for lovers, it was originally a feast day on the Catholic calendar, recognizing St. Valentine. He is the patron saint of the betrothed, beekeepers, epilepsy and fainting, greetings, and happy marriages.

So, who was this man who causes such anxiety among husbands, and why is he honored by the Catholic Church? He was a 3rd-century Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II and buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. Beyond that, little can be confirmed. The sources of lore surrounding his story are many and varied, leading to inevitable confusion. Some scholars believe that many of Valentine's accomplishments should be credited to several people, whose identities have been lost to time.

A common story is that Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, and was later placed under house arrest by Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test by presenting his blind daughter and challenging Valentine to restore her sight. If successful, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands on her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Humbled, Judge Asterius obeyed Valentine's requests, breaking the idols around his house, fasting for three days, and freeing all his Christian prisoners. He also became baptized, along with his family and entire 44-member household.

Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome, where he was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted

FEBRUARY 14
Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is universally recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance. The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived from the poem, "Parliament of Fowles," by medieval English poet, Geoffrey Chaucer, written around 1375. The author links courtly love with St. Valentine's feast day – an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate:

*"For this was sent on Seynt Valentynes day
Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate."*

Some historians suggest Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower Lupercalia, a pagan festival observed in Rome to dispel evil spirits and purify the city, releasing health and fertility. Held annually, February 13 through 15, Lupercalia was also known as "dies Februatus," after the instruments of purification called "februa," from which February derives its name.

by the Roman emperor. Both acts were considered serious crimes. During Valentine's captivity, a relationship between the priest and emperor developed. Eventually, Valentine attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity. Enraged, Claudius sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded. Valentine refused, and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269.

However, other accounts of Valentine's life claim he was executed in

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the years 270, 273 or 280. Some stories of Valentine's arrests suggest that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, and while imprisoned, he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I (337 – 352) is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in Valentine's memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly Porta Valetini. In 496, Pope Gelasius marked February 14 in honor of Valentine's martyrdom.

In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now attributed to Valentine. As is customary, these bits and pieces of the saint's body have subsequently been distributed to reliquaries around the world.

The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin in Rome. In 1836, Fr. John Spratt received a "small vessel tinged with St. Valentine's blood" from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846). This gift is now on display at Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland. Other fragments of Valentine's skeleton are on display in the Czech Republic, Scotland, England and France.

Because so much confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine, the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, continuing to acknowledge him on February 14 in its Roman Martyrology.



Congressman Buddy Carter joined the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway's meeting for a socially-distanced presentation at the Palmetto Club.

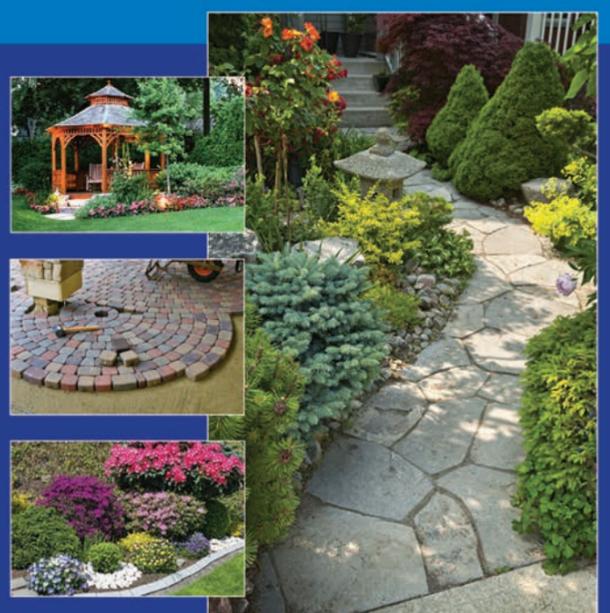
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Carter Visits Kiwanis

by Jim Overton

He's been in the papers quite a bit lately; and, he was on Skidaway Island, addressing the local Kiwanis Club, a week after the pandemonium at the "Peoples' House" in Washington. Rep. Buddy Carter of the 1st Congressional District of Georgia spoke at the January 14 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway, providing his perspective on the current state of our nation. He praised the Payroll Protection Program that Congress passed in response to the pandemic. By Carter's count, the bill helped save more than 100,000 jobs.

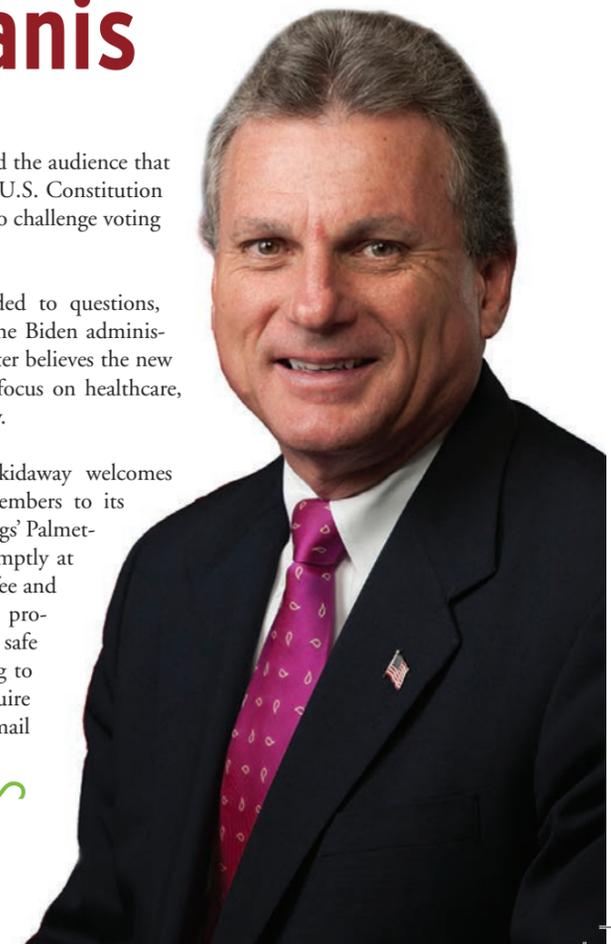
The congressman explained the mechanics and experience of the swearing-in process for members of the House. The Dean of the House of Representatives (the member with the longest tenure) swears in the Speaker of the House, who then swears in all other members.

Carter explained his objections to vote tallies from the presidential election, particularly those in key swing states. Rather than assert voter fraud, he finds state voting practices to conflict with state constitu-

tional mandates. He reminded the audience that the 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has been invoked repeatedly to challenge voting outcomes.

The congressman responded to questions, including queries regarding the Biden administration's likely initiatives. Carter believes the new president and Congress will focus on healthcare, climate change, and tax policy.

The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway welcomes guests and potential new members to its weekly meetings at the Landings' Palmetto Club. Meetings begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. on Thursdays. Coffee and tea are available. COVID-19 protocols are in place to insure a safe environment. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting and/or inquire about membership should email foxonmarsh@aol.com.



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WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Milli at nnewmember@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers Membership
HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.
CONTACT: Cindy Altman, Landlovers Membership Director, at Landloversmembership@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization. More information and details can be found at www.landlovers.com. Membership year runs from Sep. 1, 2020 through Aug. 31, 2021.

WHERE ART THOU?

WHAT: Nae'Keisha Jones art exhibit
WHEN: Feb. 1 - 28; A socially-distanced reception will be held on Feb. 8, 4 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Nae'Keisha Jones is an illustrator and writer from Colorado, now based in Savannah. She graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a degree in illustration and a minor in creative writing. Her work has been featured in Connect Savannah, ShopScad and VoyageAtl.

DOMESTIC HELP

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Zoom meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 11, at 3:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Visit skidawayabigails.org or to join this meeting as a guest, contact chair@skidaway-abigails.org
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Abigails is a nonpartisan organization of progressive women. Speaker Sheryl Jones will present "The Family Justice Center After One Year." She is executive director of the Chatham County Family Justice Center, which provides assistance and resources to victims of domestic violence.

PLAY TO WIN

WHAT: "Together for a Cure," to benefit Mercer University School of Medicine
WHEN: April 12 - 20; Registration opens Feb. 14
CONTACT: Shirley Newhart, snewhart@comcast.net or Lynda Stockslager, lyndastockslager@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: Expansion of Golf for a Cure fundraiser to include all court sports - tennis, pickleball, bocce and lawn croquet - and the Wellness Center. Sponsorships available, purchase of raffle tickets or tributes. Funds cancer research, the purchase of medical equipment, and the Summer Scholars Program.

VISION QUEST

WHAT: 6th annual "Fore" Vision golf tournament
WHEN: Monday, April 12; Registration begins March 26
WHERE: The Landings Club on Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: \$500, team of 4
CONTACT: Jerry Haggerty, jerryhaggerty4@gmail.com, 912.665.4115; or Leslie Eatherly, leatherly@savannahcblv.org, 912.236.4473
WHAT ELSE: Benefits the Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision

AMERICAN ENGINE-UNITY

WHAT: Skidaway Island Corvette Club
WHEN: Third Thursday of each month
WHERE: A visit to a superb custom car display in a showroom off Mall Blvd, followed by lunch at the Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: No dues at this time, however an \$8 name tag fee may be forthcoming
CONTACT: Clayton Scott, 912.658.3116.
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Island now has a club for owners of Corvettes, already 25 members strong. Its goals are camaraderie and to share the enthusiasm for this classic American auto.

FERAL FRIENDSHIP

WHAT: Skidaway Cat Alliance Team
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: Skidaway Island and surrounding
CONTACT: skidawaycats@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/skidaway-catallianceteam
WHAT ELSE: The Skidaway Cat Alliance Team is a group of dedicated animal lovers who provide food, population control (spay/neuter), medical care, and shelter for free-roaming cats in the

Skidaway area. We have cats and kittens currently being fostered that are available to new, loving homes.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC) Exercise Classes
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, times are below
CONTACT: For more information or to register for January session, visit siumc.org/exercise or call 912.598.8460
WHAT ELSE: Mat Pilates from 9:15-10:15 a.m.; and Sit-Fit from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Classes are led by Elena Bennett, an ACSM-certified exercise instructor. SIUMC has added Friday classes to its offerings for church- and non-church members alike.

SAWBUCKS SESSIONS

WHAT: Skidaway Hamiltons meetings
WHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Via Zoom
HOW MUCH: Free for members of the Skidaway Hamiltons and Skidaway Abigails
CONTACT: George Sedberry, 912.308.5193 or george.sedberry@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: To learn more about Skidaway Hamiltons, a progressive, liberal men's organization, visit skidawayhamiltons.org. Check out the calendar for a schedule of speakers.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

WHAT: The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force
WHEN: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.
CONTACT: For more information call 912.748.8888 or visit www.mightyeighth.org
WHAT ELSE: New guidelines are in place to protect staff and visitors. Visitors are strongly recommended to wear facemasks. Hand-sanitizing stations have been established throughout the museum. Some areas will be capacity-controlled.

HOCUS POCUS!

WHAT: Landings Magic Society
WHEN: 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May
WHERE: Plantation Club card room
CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, jsruhl@gmail.com or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening.

NOW HEAR THIS

WHAT: Music Academy Online Free Instruction

WHEN: 7 days a week
WHERE: Via Zoom
HOW MUCH: Free, courtesy of St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Dr. Timothy McKee, tmckee@saintpeterssav.org
WHAT ELSE: Learn and cultivate music skills.

STUCK IN BETWEEN

WHAT: Middle Aged Tweens of Skidaway (MATS).
WHERE: Usually in private homes.
CONTACT: matskidaway@gmail.com or call Ann Nash at 203.856.8927, or visit www.matskidaway.com
WHAT ELSE: MATS was formed to create social activities for people in their 'tween years. There are monthly socials, book club groups, business group, Ladies Night Out, Men's Poker Night and more! Many of us are empty nesters or semi-empty nesters. We may find ourselves in the later stages of our careers, working part-time or navigating issues of early retirement. Some of us are still responsible for raising children.

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: "Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway)," litter pickup along Diamond Causeway
WHEN: 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean Beach
CONTACT: Courtney Fowler, causewaycleanup@gmail.com or 912.313.6040
WHAT ELSE: Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

WE HAVE A WIENER

WHAT: Landings Longdogs Get-togethers
WHEN: 4th Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: No charge
CONTACT: Sandy Haeger, sandyhaeger@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: A fun play date for you and your dachshund(s). Meet other owners and their special friends.

IT'S AN HONOR

WHAT: Honor Flight Savannah seeks war veterans and volunteers
CONTACT: honorflightsavannah.org or 912.367.9020
WHAT ELSE: Honor Flight Savannah is offering WW II, Korea and Vietnam War era veterans living in southeast Georgia and southeastern South Carolina an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials. Funding for trips is dependent on contributions from commu-

nity citizens and businesses.

HORSE SENSE

WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed
WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah
CONTACT: For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482
WHAT ELSE: Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

WHAT: Stroke Survivors
WHEN: Third Thursday of every month, 4 to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Shirley Nack, 598.7047
WHAT ELSE: Share your experiences with stroke survivors. At our meetings we listen and learn what other survivors have accomplished in order to return to an active lifestyle.

WELCOME MAT

WHAT: Learn to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic bags
WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Oakridge Club; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at JEA
CONTACT: Please RSVP to Carol Greenberg at 912.355.1238 or MStarArts@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Help divert plastic bags from landfills and waterways while providing comfort to the homeless. Completed mats will be on display the first week in February at the JEA Art Gallery.

CERVUS WITH A PURPOSE

WHAT: Bingo at the Elks Lodge
WHEN: Sundays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: 183 Wilshire Blvd
WHAT ELSE: \$1,500 in prizes. All proceeds benefit Elks charities.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

WHAT: Skidaway Island Rotary Club meetings
WHEN: First and third Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Via Zoom
HOW MUCH: Free and open to all
CONTACT: Lynn Gensamer, 912.856.8874 or lgensamer@icloud.com
WHAT ELSE: To learn more about Rotary or club membership, visit skidawayrotary.org. Check out the calendar for a schedule of speakers.

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CHALLENGER CLUES*

ACROSS

- 1. Kelly's "An American in Paris" costar
- 6. Nuts
- 10. Noted CIA mole
- 14. Affaire
- 15. Roman senator who wore a black toga
- 16. Four-star review
- 17. Nuts
- 19. Ph < 7
- 20. Pindaric output
- 21. Primo
- 22. Expound
- 23. Many an email
- 25. One who gets around?
- 26. Nuts
- 29. One that gets smashed at parties
- 31. Mother-of-pearl
- 32. 1983 musical/romance directed by Barbra Streisand
- 33. The Canadiens, on the scoreboard
- 36. Soil
- 37. Nut
- 38. XVII times LIX
- 39. ___ Miss
- 40. Nautical 'cancel'
- 41. Dry white wine from Verona
- 42. Rabbit colony
- 44. He played bartender Malone on "Cheers" for 11 years
- 45. Meter reader, at times
- 47. The Gaels of the MAAC
- 48. They're spent in São Paulo
- 49. "The kissing disease," for short
- 51. Badger
- 55. Inner heraldic border
- 56. Our HERO
- 58. Some are considered essential
- 59. Western ski resort that bans snow boarding
- 60. Big name in catfood
- 61. 46-Down, e.g.
- 62. Gopher
- 63. Wyndam rival

DOWN

- 1. Banjo attachment
- 2. Tween
- 3. Baseball's "Charlie Hustle"
- 4. Finagle

With apologies to Mr. Peanut

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- 5. Pistol-packing PAC
- 6. Medical acronym for photic sneeze reflex
- 7. Water pipe
- 8. First Native American tribe met by Lewis and Clark
- 9. Abrupt victories
- 10. View from Dogubayazit
- 11. Nuts
- 12. Shun, avoid (archaic)
- 13. Ceremony where Elijah has a chair
- 18. Attended
- 22. Certain office
- 24. Qom to Tehran dir.
- 25. Kind of 'mologist' that studies insects
- 26. Street slang term for marijuana
- 27. Ace a test
- 28. Nuts
- 29. Nut
- 30. Black
- 32. Home of the Whiffenpoofs
- 34. Machine that won an EMMY
- 35. Collateral loan, e.g.
- 37. Type of wolf
- 38. Kingdom
- 40. Ceremony where Elijah has a chair
- 41. Respectful Japanese suffix
- 43. Apt anagram for STABLE
- 44. Way out
- 45. Sing a lullaby
- 46. Eaglet's home
- 47. Largest empire in pre-Columbian America
- 49. Colby College mascot
- 50. Syracuse University mascot
- 52. JYSK competitor
- 53. Loans
- 54. Generating center?
- 56. Siesta
- 57. Fireproof?

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The beginning of March brings the first little wave of migrants to the south coast and southeastern part of Georgia. Also along the coast and in the deep southeast the numbers of green and tri-colored herons will begin to increase. April also brings lots of shorebird movement. Winter residents on the coast continue to depart for their breeding rounds to the north, and some species are mostly gone by the end of the month.



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